(e) No such proposal is under consideration at present. Air India Express will remain a subsidiary of Air India.

Air service between New Delhi and Guwahati

2791. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider to increase the frequency of Indian Airlines flights between New Delhi and Guwahati;

(b) whether Government will also consider to create new airports in Assam; and

(c) if so, whether it would include the revival of Rupshi Airport which is now under Bodoland Territorial Areas District of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines has no plan to increase the frequency of flights between New Delhi and Guwahati due to constraints of aircraft capacity and commercial considerations

(b) Airports Authority of India presently has engaged in upgrading existing airport facilities in Assam.

(c) Does not arise.

Exodus of pilots from State carriers

2792. DR. M.A M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pilots from State run carriers have left these carriers;

(b) if so, the details of pilots who have left these carriers and joined other private airlines during the last three years;

(c) whether this has badly affected the operations of these carriers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?